

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 26, 2008, claims 39, 44-45, 51, 56-57, 60-61, 67, 94, 101, 105, 107-115 are pending and under examination. Claim 108 is allowed. However, the remaining claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious based on various combinations of prior art references, including Thomson (Science 282: 1145-1147, 1998), Brustle (Science 285: 754-757, 1999), Stemple (Cell 71: 973-985, 1992), Ben-Hur (J. Neurosci. 18: 5777-5788, 1998), and Brustle (Canadian Patent CA 2315538).

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejections, in an effort to favorably advance prosecution, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter embodied in the claims originally filed in this application and the claims canceled by the instant response in a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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